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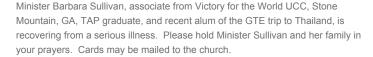
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Lifting Up... May 2012



Rev. Christophe Ringer, pastor of Howard Congregational Church UCC in Nashville, TN has suffered another major loss. His step-father, the Rev. Dr. Hycel B. Taylor, former pastor of Howard UCC, died this past January. Now his biological father, Darryl Ringer, has made his transition. He died Tuesday, April 10th and the memorial service was Saturday, April 14th in Chicago. As he did with his step-father, Christophe offered the eulogy. Please do keep the Ringer family in your prayers.

A message sent to the Conference from Rev. Joyce Myers Brown concerning her husband Rev. Ed Brown, both from Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, GA.

Dear Family & Friends,

Most of you know that my beloved husband Ed Brown, at 93, is struggling with a number of health issues. He was at Emory University Hospital April 3 -6 with severe dehydration, and a number of other concerns. The last 12 days he has been at A. G. Rhodes Health and Rehab, here in Atlanta, on our Wesley Woods campus, where we live in an apartment (WW Towers, independent living). Ed has just been moved from a semi-private to a private room at A. G. Rhodes, 314, which is a huge help not only for the peace and quiet but also because there is a window and the trees beyond.

We do not know what lies ahead. Ed has Physical and Occupational Therapy and they are also working to improve his nutrition (he has very little appetite and had lost a lot of weight; regained some). He has needed more i.v. fluids and this is still a concern. We had a Care Conference today and the short of it is that no decisions will probably be made for another 5 weeks...

Ed's health has been declining for some time before all this and he is very weak – but does not realize just how weak nor why the need for all this therapy. Please do keep him, and me, in your prayers. These are very difficult days for both of us.

Thank you all for caring and for your many thoughtful messages.

Bless you!

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